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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMARE,  
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NBCC//ATTENTION  
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.  
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS  
INVOLVED

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 17 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: ELECTIONS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PLP : SANTO DOMINGO 3102, 25 APR 74, CONF

PRESIDENT BALAGUER APPEARS ALMOST CERTAIN TO WIN A THIRD TERM  
IN THE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16. THE US EMBASSY BELIEVES TH  
BALAGUER MAY FACE A HARDER FIGHT THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED, HOWEVER,  
NOW THAT THE SO-CALLED "SANTIAGO PACT" OPPOSITION FRONT IS GAINING  
STRENGTH.

BALAGUER IS CAMPAIGNING HARD, AND IS CAREFULLY TENDING RELATION  
WITH THE MILITARY. HE HAS TRANSFERRED BRIG GEN SALVADOR LLUDERES  
FROM THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE TO THAT OF AIR  
FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF IN ORDER TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE TO AIR FORCE  
BY THE PREVIOUS CHIEF'S INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION.

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THE "SANTIAGO PACT" IS JUST GETTING OFF THE GROUND, LESS THAN THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION. IT HAS BEEN STYMIED FOR MONTHS BY INTERNAL RIVALRIES AND DISSENSION. ITS CLAIMS OF GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT MAY HAVE SOME BASIS, BUT AT LEAST SOME VIOLENCE MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM FACTIONALISM WITHIN THE FRONT. E-E IMPDET.H

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